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SUBJ: ALGERIA AT DAKAR AFRO-ARAB MEETING

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1. DESPITE FON MINISTER BOUTEFLIKA'S ATTENDANCE, ALGERIA REPORTEDLY KEPT RATHER LOW PROFILE DURING DAKAR CONFERENCE. BLACK AFRICANS GENERALLY FELT THAT THEY HAD SIDED WITH ARABS INTERNATIONALLY, AND, IN WORDS OF ONE DELEGATION MEMBERS, "NOW IT'S TIME TO PAY THE BILL." ARAB RELUCTANCE TO PROVIDE LARGE-SCALE, NO STRINGS AID CLEARLY LEFT THEM ON DEFENSIVE. THEY OFTEN REFUSED TO REPLY TO AFRICAN CRITICS IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP THE CONFERENCE FROM A TOTAL IMPASSE.

2. POLISARIO REPORTEDLY SENT TELEGRAM TO CONFERENCE ASKING FOR SUPPORT, BUT JOINT OAU/ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARIAT DID NOT RPT NOT DISTRIBUTE COPIES, AND ISSUE NEVER CAME UP.

3. GENERAL LACK OF POLITICAL FIREWORKS ALSO REFLECTED GOS DESIRE THAT CONFERENCE NOT BLOW UP. MOST OBSERVERS NOW COMMENTING THAT CONFERENCE WAS SUCCESS ONLY IN THAT IT DID NOT OPENLY BREAK
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INHIBITED ALGERIANS .
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